

SEC. 604. GEOGRAPHIC BASIS FOR HOUSING ALLOWANCE DURING SHORT-ASSIGNMENT PERMANENT CHANGES OF STATION FOR EDUCATION OR TRAINING

Section 403(d) of title 37, United States Code, as amended by section 603, is further amended--

- (1) in the subsection heading, by striking `ARE UNABLE TO' and inserting `DO NOT'; and
- (2) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
- `(C) If the member is reassigned for a permanent change of station or permanent change of assignment from a duty station in the United States to another duty station in the United States for a period of not more than one year for the purpose of participating in professional military education or training classes, the amount of the basic allowance for housing for the member may be based on whichever of the following areas the Secretary concerned determines will provide the more equitable basis for the allowance:
 - `(i) The area of the duty station to which the member is reassigned.
 - `(ii) The area in which the dependents reside, but only if the dependents reside in that area when the member departs for the duty station to which the member is reassigned and only for the period during which the dependents reside in that area.
 - `(iii) The area of the former duty station of the member, if different than the area in which the dependents reside.'